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Fleetwood fans disappointed by cancelled concert

MUSIC Crystal Scriven's sister Candice Hackman and her mom, Allison, flew in from Fort St. John, B.C., for last night's Fleetwood Mac concert at the Pengrowth Saddledome.

But, unfortunately for the Mount Royal journalism student and her family, the concert was cancelled four hours prior to the opening.

Her tickets were purchased in January of this year — so they've been waiting a few months for the big night.

"We got presale tickets and everything," said Scriven.

"It's not nice. We were looking forward to it."

Scriven isn't sure if she'll be in Calgary when the concert is rescheduled, though the show's promoter said that when the show is rescheduled, the May 12 tickets would be honoured or reimbursed. METRO CALGARY

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Today

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Pork rally

A premier pig-out

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO CANADA

Premier Ed Stelmach samples one of the roughly 1,500 pork sandwiches given out by provincial pork producers at the legislature yesterday as an attempt to boost farmer morale. Many countries have closed their doors to pork from Canada, in particular Alberta.

Mulroney seeks to fix reputation at inquiry

TESTIMONY Former prime minister Brian Mulroney, seeking to restore a tarnished reputation, testified yesterday that when he received large secret payments in 1993 he had no idea that the man he got them from would one day be a fugitive from justice.

It was his first day of testimony at an inquiry examining cash payments Mulroney received from German-Canadian arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber. Schreiber says he handed over $300,000 in cash so that Mulroney could help promote establishment of a factory to build light armoured vehicles. Mulroney said yesterday that he accepted that such "inadequately documented arrangements are inappropriate" for former office holders.

Mulroney said nothing he did was illegal and that the Schreiber he dealt with was a well-respected businessman.

"... That's the Schreiber I knew, but then in 1999 Mr. Schreiber was arrested in Toronto under an international Interpol warrant and jailed pending his extradition," Mulroney said.

He said understanding this does not "fully justify or explain" the manner in which he dealt with Schreiber. REUTERS

ParkPlus a minus?

Parking plan costing couriers

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The city's ParkPlus program was touted as a way to increase spaces and make parking payments easier — but it appears the system may be hitting the pocketbook of city delivery services a little harder.

Ald. Ray Jones isn't pleased with the parking situation.

"I'm not happy with it at all. I'd actually like to see more parkades, because our parking downtown is so inadequate," Jones said. "I know we want to encourage people to use transit, but that isn't always an option for everyone."

Jones said unless people are willing to pay $30 a day to park, there isn't enough short- or long-term parking options, and he believes small, mobile companies like paper shredders and couriers are suffering the most.

Jones

"There is pretty much zero tolerance for parking," he pointed out.

Mission Possible Delivery Services owner Sam Casselman agrees, adding her business has suffered at the hands of ParkPlus.

"I have drivers who refuse to go downtown, and some quit because the money they make isn't worth the costs associated with trying to find parking," she added.

Casselman said some drivers are given $40 tickets several times a month for running quick deliveries, a problem she didn't have under the old system.

"The tickets are instant — no ifs, ands or buts about it. There aren't enough loading zones in the city, that's the problem."

Casselman said in an ideal world, mobile services would be exempt from fines for doing their job.

While Calgary Parking Authority didn't return repeated calls for comment, an Edmonton transportation spokesperson said there are no special privileges for courier drivers.

"If they park, they pay. They have to plug the meter just like everyone else, even if it's a quick delivery," Ben Mittelsteadt said.

In other cities

- Ottawa — Delivery businesses are allowed to park in No Parking or Loading Zones for up to 15 minutes without fines, according to the city's parking office.
- Vancouver — Commercially plated vehicles can park at meters until 10:30 a.m. and commercial zones for 30 minutes for free, according to city officials.

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Police arrest man allegedly carrying gun
A man faces charges after he was arrested allegedly carrying a loaded gun at a 24-hour retail store inside a southwest mall around 6 a.m. Police arrested the man after he allegedly called police from a pay phone threatening to harm others. METRO EDMONTON

Local

Stampede gets more big names

Five more performers were announced yesterday to line the Nashville North stage during the Calgary Stampede, bringing the total number to 11. Emerson Drive — from left, Aaron Pritchett, Jason Blaine, Joe Diffie and Alberta's own Shane Yellowbird — will be joining the other acts throughout the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth. METRO CALGARY

Salvation Army asks for donations

POVERTY This month, the Salvation Army's Red Shield Campaign will help the 3.5 million people living in poverty.

After the release of the homeless report, "Poverty Shouldn't Be a Life Sentence" on May 5, this year's Red Shield Campaign is backed by the troubling statistics of people living in extreme poverty.

Starting May 11, Canadians can start sending in their donations. For more information on the report and donating visit salvationarmy.ca.

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Mother sues over 2007 bus crash

FATALITY The mother of a nine-year-old girl killed in a bus crash in 2007 is suing the school, the bus driver and the owner and driver of a parked gravel truck involved in the crash for $300,000 in damages.

Genevieve Occena is suing on behalf of her daughters Julie, then seven years old and injured in the crash, and her daughter Kathelynn, 9, who was killed. METRO CALGARY

News in brief

CRIME The Calgary Police Service is seeking information about a break-and-enter at the Co-op gas bar on Shaganappi Trail on April 20. Anyone with information about the unidentified man or logo on the back of the jacket is asked to call Crime Stoppers. METRO CALGARY

Limit garbage bags: Group

Clean Calgary says that recycling only voluntary right now

JOEL MESSNER
for Metro Calgary

The city's new blue cart program may not be successful unless more steps are taken going into the future, said Clean Calgary.

A garbage bag limit for weekly pickup will need to be implemented in conjunction with the recycling program for the blue bin service to be truly successful, the head of the group said.

"A bag limit will become critical because actually using a blue cart is voluntary," said Natalie Odd, executive director of Clean Calgary. "People could continue to just put everything in the garbage. So a bag limit being put in place actually can tell people to use their blue cart as much as possible, and put as little as possible into the garbage."

ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY

Clean Calgary is suggesting the city's blue bin recycling program can't run effectively without a bag limit imposed on city households.

Odd said Calgarians have to be educated about the blue bins, and then a bag limit should be put in place.

"I think it would be very good to look at introducing a bag limit within a year of the blue cart program," said Odd.

According to the city's waste and recycling department bag limits or "pay as you throw" has been a part of the city's strategy, and a report will be presented to council next spring on the subject.

"The success of the blue cart program is pivotal for us achieving our goal of 80 per cent diversion by the year 2020," said Sarah Noble, the acting manager of strategic services for the waste and recycling department.

Funding plan boosts literacy program

AMY GREGSON
for Metro Calgary

SCHOOLS Diane McKean and her class of 15 kindergarteners are now able to enjoy theme-based Literacy Program Enhancement bags because of funding available through the Space Creation Innovation under the Creating Child Choices Plan.

McKean runs the Adventurrs School, an enhancement program based out of Queen Elizabeth's School.

"Those resources are very costly. We wouldn't have been able to do that," said McKean.

The plan allows providers to apply for funding for up to $1,500 for each new space created.

So far, 9,449 new spaces have been added to fill the 14,000 wanted by 2011.

"We've had fantastic success," said Cathy Ducharme, a spokesperson for Alberta Child and Youth Services.

"That shows you how quickly people got on board and rally together in the communities."

The Creating Child Choices Plan also has funding available to help those in the industry create new spaces, attract and keep staff and make it more affordable for families.

In the first year, the province allocated $76 million for the program. The government plans to invest $206 million in childcare in the upcoming year.

Province seeks $465M in health costs

TOBACCO Recouping an estimated $465 million in health costs is one of the reasons behind new legislation introduced by the province yesterday.

The province introduced Bill 48, also known as the Crown's Right of Recovery Act, which will enable the government to recover health-care costs from convicted criminals who are injured when they are committing an offence, and tobacco-related illness.

"Albertans shouldn't be responsible for health-care costs resulting from the wrongful acts or omissions of others, and this legislation will help Alberta recover these funds," said Donnae Schuhltz, of the public affairs office for Alberta Health and Wellness.

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What's online today.

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Video School boards continue to take precautions against the spread of swine flu at **metronews.ca/local**

Video The European health-care model may have answers for Canada's lengthy wait times at **metronews.ca/local**

Nationalists threaten to derail pride parade
Russian nationalists threatened yesterday "to cure" any homosexuals who join a Gay Pride parade in Moscow Saturday. Authorities say they cannot allow the parade to take place as it will "destroy morals" in the capital city. REUTERS

Canada/World

Private profits out of public pockets?

Firms overpay taxes to collect federal cash, report claims

Some of Canada's largest corporations may be using the government as a high-yield investment account by deliberately overpaying on their annual tax returns to collect favourable interest rates, the federal auditor general says.

In each of the last three years, top businesses have realized a $30-million windfall by paying a total of $4 billion into accounts managed by the Canada Revenue Agency that cover them in the event their tax returns are reassessed.

The accounts have paid an interest rate of between five and seven per cent since 2006. The rate is considerably more favourable than that offered by the banks.

Auditor general Sheila Fraser said it appears corporations were well aware of the favourable treatment they were getting with their federal accounts, though it is difficult to prove any company has set out to bilk taxpayers.

"No one asked the corporations or tried to determine what the motivation was, but I think we can probably arrive at that conclusion," she told reporters. "The agency did try to return the money to them and they declined."

Fraser even joked that there could be an influx of chief financial officers looking to stash money in Ottawa in the wake of her report.

"I'm not sure in this economic time that a lot of corporations have a lot of cash to deposit with the Canada Revenue Agency, but there are obviously some and the agency has to manage this."

The Canada Revenue Agency, which collects federal tax money, has suspected that corporations were aware of their higher interest rates since at least 1991 but it has done nothing to safeguard the federal treasury. Revenue agency officials trying to return the advance payments to firms are powerless if the company opts to leave the account open.

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Priorities

- Fraser suggested that the Canada Revenue Agency is more focused on collecting tax dollars than returning overpayments to companies.

Philippines **Singles dance**

ROMEO RANOCO/REUTERS

A man and woman dance at a street procession honouring Saint Roque, a miracle worker and the patron saint of the unmarried, in Valenzuela City in the Philippines yesterday.

Pandemic still possible: WHO

FLU Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, could still mutate into a more virulent form and spark an influenza pandemic that could be expected to circle the globe up to three times, the World Health Organization said yesterday.

Nikki Shindo of the WHO's global influenza program said that 10 per cent of those infected with the strain in Mexico and the U.S. needed to be admitted to hospital — far more than the rate for seasonal flu, which kills up to 500,000 people a year.

"This is clearly different than what we see from seasonal influenza," Shindo told a news conference.

Swine flu has also killed three in the United States and one each in Canada and Costa Rica, according to WHO figures. REUTERS

Man-made?

- The World Health Organization and leading researchers are investigating unpublished claims that the virus may have evolved in a laboratory, not in nature. The WHO's leading scientist said consultation is still ongoing, but evidence suggests the theory isn't correct.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Montreal **Rent a bike**

CHRISTINNE MUSCHI/REUTERS

Tourists Helen Cook, left, and Tom Wojcik of Vancouver react after experiencing problems accessing the BIXI (combination of bike and taxi) bicycle in downtown Montreal, yesterday. BIXI, a new public bike-rental system, that is being billed as a North America first, was launched today, with over 3,000 bicycles available at 300 stations spread around the city.

Tycoon's lover hits back in estate battle

The late Hong Kong billionaire Nina Wang wanted to have a child with the feng shui enthusiast laying claim to her inheritance, his lawyer said yesterday in a bitter legal battle with Wang's family for her billions.

Wang, who died in 2007, was one of Asia's wealthiest women whose business empire has been estimated to be worth at least $4.2 billion US.

The existence of two conflicting wills, however, has pitted Tony Chan, her former lover, against her family represented by the Chinachem Charitable Foundation in a long-awaited probate battle that began on Monday.

"(Tony Chan) was the object of her love for the last 15 years of her life," said Chan's lawyer, Ian Mill, in his opening submission on the second day of the 40-day hearing.

"She wanted to have a child with (Chan)" Mill added.

The Foundation's lawyers said earlier there was "very strong evidence" that Wang's signature on the 2006 will as she lay dying of ovarian cancer was a forgery. Instead it lays claim to a 2002 will in which Wang left most of her wealth to charitable causes. REUTERS

News in brief

PROBE A military probe has cleared Canadian soldiers and their commanders of any wrongdoing in their response to allegations of sexual abuse of children by interpreters and members of the Afghan military. NDP MP Jack Harris cast doubt on the results of the investigation, saying, "it doesn't seem to ring true."

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ELECTION B.C. Liberal Leader Gordon Campbell won an historic third straight term as the province's premier, CBC News Online projected by press time. Early results in the B.C. election showed Campbell's Liberals leading with 46 per cent of the popular vote, ahead of Carole James's NDP at 41 per cent. With more than 28 per cent of polls reporting, Liberals were ahead in 48 ridings, having been elected in 26.

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News in brief

AFGHANISTAN For the third time in three weeks, Afghan officials are investigating whether scores of schoolgirls who had to be hospitalized yesterday were poisoned. Five of the girls slipped into comas after falling ill at a school in that Kapisa province north of Kabul, the province's chief of public health, Wahid Rahim said.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

AVIATION The pilot in a deadly commuter jet crash near Buffalo, N.Y., earlier this year had trouble learning a critical computer system on the plane he was flying, according to training documents released by safety investigators yesterday.

SRI LANKA Sri Lankan troops broke through Tamil Tiger defences yesterday, and aid officials said both sides were making it impossible to save civilians still at risk. The rebels, cornered in a coastal strip where they have held tens of thousands of civilians, accused the military for a third day of shelling the no-fire zone, killing 45 people.

RELIGION The Vatican played down Pope Benedict XVI's teenage membership of the Hitler Youth yesterday after it was highlighted by Jewish critics. REUTERS

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In Canada, it's easy to walk on the SunnySide of the street. I say this with confidence even though I've spent many of the last three decades doing what we in the media do best — panic-mongering.

That's why we're journalists; we're jacked up by 200-point bold bad news headlines, the badder the better. When editors get together at the end of the year and pick the top story, it's always some disaster, never a good news story. Good news is a cute puppy that goes at the end of a newscast or on page 27, a grudging change of pace from your hard-bitten friends in the news.

Anyway, it's easy to get high on Canada because … well, just look around you. This is the freaking second biggest country in the world. How often do we even think about that? If you live in Vancouver, the world ends in Chilliwack, after that, there are mountains, and way, way farther away, Toronto. Scary. And if you live in Toronto, you can't venture west of Mississauga without suffering a nosebleed.

If you live in Montreal, you refuse to recognize the legitimacy of Vancouver and Toronto altogether as you sit in a café on Rue St-Denis, Centre of the Universe. Maybe it's just too big and beautiful to get your head around it, never mind your arms.

The rest of the world doesn't seem to have that problem.

Once again, we're in the top five of the 215 nations tracked in Mercer Consulting's annual Quality of Living Survey; our American cousins barely crack the top 30 and that's because San Francisco and Honolulu skew the results. Another ranks us among the top 10 nations in the world for happiness, along with traditional warm puppies Denmark and Switzerland.

And if you're not tired of surveys yet, how about this one? While the rest of the world is in the economic tank, the Economic Intelligence Unit's global business survey for 2009-13 ranks Canada first in the G7 as "the best place to invest and do business."

Who knew? The very best thing about Canada is the thing that infuriates many, but makes us the hope of civilization — it's called multiculturalism, which means whoever you are, wherever you're from, you check your guns at the door, and if you want to live here, you learn to play well with others.

On this sunny day, let's give the last word to an American, one of our biggest fans: Bill Clinton. "In a world darkened by ethnic conflicts that tear nations apart, Canada stands as a model of how people of different cultures can live and work together in peace, prosperity, and mutual respect."

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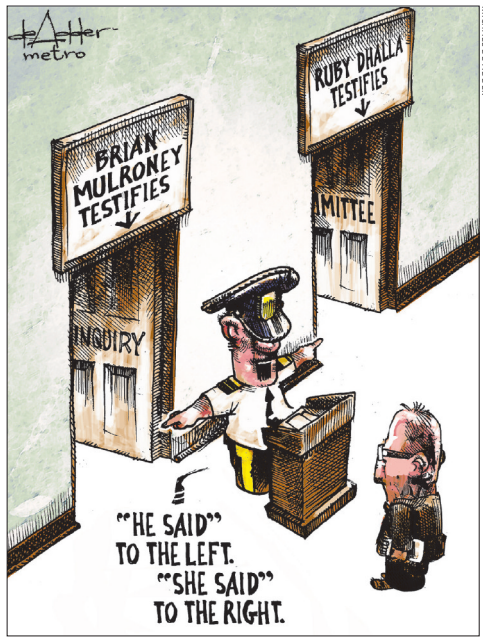

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Letters

Our company is stronger because of the recession

Re: SunnySide launch (May 11)

Our company, Cleanworks, is stronger because of the recession.

In January we met with our staff and told them that we had no plans to reduce staff in the forseeable future. We also told them that to avoid reductions in the future we would have to ensure our clients did not see us as an expendable service. We would have to make sure the quality of our service was second to none.

As well, we decided to hire staff to take advantage of a deeper pool of applicants to strengthen our roster of workers.

The result — our staff responded with improved quality work, our clients have indicated they are across the board happier with our service, and revenues are up 12 per cent over 2008. And now we need to hire a couple of more people.

DOUG GILMOUR, HALIFAX

SunnySide

Word on the street: What's great about Calgary?

Yogi Navagrah
age 28, Calgary
A: The park system. We have the Bow River Pathway, which connects to all green spaces around Calgary. In summer you can enjoy it.

Megan Beach
age 25, Calgary
A: All the scenery and all the parks and we are so close to the mountains.

Andrew Hunter
age 42, Calgary
A: The mountains.

Zahin Sorabji
age 33, Calgary
A: It's a young, vibrant city.

Jill Thomson
age 40, Calgary
A: Friendly people. I think that's the best thing about Calgary.

Shona Foster
age 41, Calgary
A: I love people. I love the place and all the weekend getaways things that you can do from Calgary.

Worth Mentioning

Court fines man for beheading wax Hitler

CRIME A German court fined an unemployed man $1,227 yesterday for knocking the head off a waxwork figure of Adolf Hitler in a Berlin museum.

Minutes after the Madame Tussauds museum opened in the German capital in July, the 42-year-old pushed past security staff and ripped off the figure's head. The man, an ex-policeman, said he found it inappropriate to display an exhibit showing the Nazi leader only some 500 metres from Berlin's Holocaust memorial.

The waxwork of a glum-looking Hitler in a mock bunker stirred debate in Germany even before it went on display. Critics argued it was tasteless to display a replica of the man who unleashed the Second World War and ordered the extermination of Europe's Jews. **REUTERS**

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Vodafone to launch apps store

Vodafone, the world's largest mobile operator by revenue, plans to launch a mobile online store to sell games, news and travel applications that its customers can use on any phone. REUTERS

Business

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Consumer bankruptcies up

But business insolvencies fall 10.3% in March from 2008

Bankruptcies in Canada soared by more than 50 per cent in March from a year ago as the rising unemployment rate left more consumers unable to pay their bills.

At the same time, business bankruptcies declined during the month, according to figures released yesterday by the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada.

There were 10,578 personal bankruptcies across the country in March, up 17.3 per cent from the month before, and up a staggering 57 per cent from March 2008.

The biggest year-over-year increases came from the western provinces. The number of personal bankruptcies in Alberta nearly doubled to 951 in March; in British Columbia it rose 78.4 per cent from a year ago to 960.

The increase coincided with a rise in unemployment. In March the jobless rate rose to eight per cent, its highest level in seven years. Even though the economy added 36,000 net new jobs in April, the rate did not change.

On the business side, there were 507 bankruptcies in March, up 6.7 per cent from February, but a decline of 10.3 per cent from March 2008.

Overall, there were 11,085 personal and business bankruptcies across the country in March, up 16.7 per cent from the month before, and an increase of 51.8 per cent from March 2008.

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Forecast

• Roger Sauvé, author of a 2008 report on the financial state of Canadian households sponsored by the Vanier Institute, predicted the number of insolvencies may reach 160,000 this year. There were about 123,000 in 2008.

Low energy imports boost trade surplus

REPORT Substantially lower energy imports helped hike Canada's trade surplus in March to $1.11 billion, more than double analysts' expectations, from $262 million in February.

Statistics Canada said yesterday energy imports had fallen by 18.4 per cent during the month, most of it in volume terms and concentrated in aviation fuel. Energy exports, mostly to the United States, fell by only 1.4 per cent.

The overall surplus rose because imports fell by more — 4.4 per cent — than the 1.8 per cent decline in exports. Canada exported $32.50 billion and imported $31.40 billion. The figures are adjusted for seasonal factors.

But economists were quick to warn against viewing the stronger-than-expected surplus, following two months of trade deficits, as a sign of economic recovery. REUTERS

Latvia **Parental pressure**

A woman holds her baby as she attends a protest in front of Latvia's government house in Riga yesterday. Hundreds of young parents staged a protest before a cabinet meeting against planned significant cuts to child-care benefits due to a budget crisis in Latvia, local media reported.

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Ferrari threatens F1 pullout

Ferrari will quit Formula One at the end of season if the sport adopts a budget cap for 2010, the Italian company's board said on Tuesday. REUTERS

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The Boston Bruin's Chuck Kobasew scores against Carolina Hurricanes goaltender Cam Ward last night in Raleigh, N.C. The Bruins won 4-2 to force a Game 7 in their second-round series.

Bruins stay alive

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NHL RESULTS

Boston 4 Carolina 2

Mark Recchi and Chuck Kobasew both registered a goal and an assist, as the Boston Bruins staved off elimination once again with a 4-2 win over Carolina in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series at RBC Center.

Steve Montador had a goal and Patrice Bergeron collected two helpers for the top-seeded Bruins, who have battled back from a 3-1 series deficit to force a decisive Game 7 at TD Bank-north Garden in Boston tomorrow. Boston has never climbed out of a 3-1 hole to win a series in 20 previous occasions.

Marc Savard also scored for the Bruins before exiting in the third period for precautionary measures following a knee-on-knee hit by Chad LaRose. Savard remained on the bench for several minutes and eventually skated to the dressing room under his own power with Boston leading by three.

Tim Thomas made 31 saves for the win.

Matt Cullen and Sergei Samsonov lit the lamp for the sixth-seeded Hurricanes, who will be playing their second consecutive Game 7 in these playoffs. In the first round against New Jersey, Carolina tallied twice in the final 80 seconds of regulation to stun the Devils in the deciding game.

Cam Ward allowed four goals on just 19 shots in defeat.

Boston got off to a fast start and withstood a furious surge from Carolina to hold a 2-0 lead after the opening 20 minutes.

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Celtics rally for Game 5 win over Magic

NBA
2009 **Playoffs**

BASKETBALL Glen Davis and Stephon Marbury were unlikely catalysts in the fourth quarter, and Ray Allen hit the go-ahead three-pointer with 1:20 remaining, as the Boston Celtics rallied from a 14-point deficit in the final period to shock Orlando 92-88, grabbing the pivotal Game 5 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Marbury scored all 12 of his points in the final quarter, while Davis netted 10 of his game-high 22 in the last 12 minutes for the defending NBA champions, who took a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series.

"Toughness, a lot of character, when you go through trials and tribulations like that during the game, and to come back and win is unbelievable," said Davis. "Our guys showed a lot of character. Stephon Marbury led the charge in the second half, and made some things happen, and that energy fed me."

The Celtics closed the game on an amazing 17-3 spurt, forcing Orlando to miss its final eight shots from the field.

"Well there was a point in time where we decided to lock down, we locked down and didn't give them the basket, and that's what created the positive offense for us," said Davis. "We did our assignments on defense, and that's how we won the game." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Clemens breaks silence

Seven-time Cy Young award winner Roger Clemens ended his long media silence yesterday morning on ESPN Radio and again denied ever using performance-enhancing drugs. The interview came as a new book, American Icon: The Fall of Roger Clemens and the Rise of Steroids in America's Pastime, detailing his alleged drug use was released. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Stampeders **Lewis inked long-term**

ROBIN KUNKEL/FOR METRO CALGARY

Receiver Nik Lewis will be sticking around Calgary for a while after signing a long-term contract with the Stampeders. Lewis, 26, had 87 receptions and 10 touchdowns last season and picked up over 1,000 yards for the fifth year in a row.

Sports in brief

CSL The 10-team Canadian Soccer League, which kicks off its season this weekend, announced yesterday it has received conditional approval to join the Canadian Soccer Association in 2010. That's seen as a precursor to expanding the semi-pro league to as many as 30 teams and hopefully joining in the Canadian championships. **FRIENDLY** Canada's women's soccer team will host the United States in a friendly in Toronto after Japan cancelled a tour to North America, citing the swine flu outbreak. The Canadians face the U.S. on May 25 at BMO Field, the same day they were scheduled to host the Japanese. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Pens, Caps showdown highly anticipated

It has the potential to be a showdown for the ages, a game that could become part of hockey folklore, and not even Alexander Ovechkin can get a private box at the Verizon Center for his family, friends and "Russian celebrities."

"Everything is sold out. It's pretty cool right now in Washington; D.C. changed a lot in the last four years and it's Hockeytown now," said the Capitals sniper. "Fans are just crazy here. They scream and (tonight) is going to be an unbelievable atmosphere."

"It's a Game 7 and somebody is going home."
Sidney Crosby

Game 7s, with their built-in tension and drama, are special anyway. But that tonight's ultimate faceoff will cap a brilliantly played series showcasing the game's brightest young stars could make this a very special night for the NHL.

"This series has a storyline that will play out nicely on a 10-minute segment about great series," said Pittsburgh coach Dan Bylsma.

"It's certainly a storyline that's lived up to what everyone thought it would be and we certainly have the opportunity to write the story (tonight) that will make it a great one."

The series has been sweeping theatre but, mostly, it was two terrifically talented teams — built with draft picks and speed as models of post-lockout success — playing brilliant hockey.

And there will be one more chapter tonight.

"It's a Game 7 and somebody is going home," said Crosby. "There's nothing to think about except leaving it all out there."

Added teammate Miro Satan: "I don't think the fans could ask for more."

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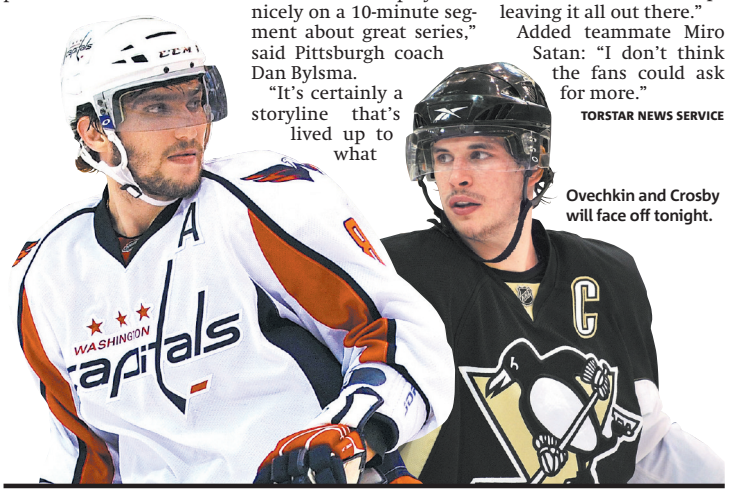

Ovechkin and Crosby will face off tonight.

Competing offer for Coyotes much lower than Balsillie's

NHL After a day full of he-said, she-said legalese, this much is clear: The NHL is willing to fight to keep details of Jerry Reinsdorf's offer for the Phoenix Coyotes out of bankruptcy court.

And, apparently, for good reason.

The Toronto Star has learned Reinsdorf was prepared to offer an estimated $130 million (all figures U.S.) — far less than Balsillie's $212.5 million package.

"You have a judge in a bankruptcy court whose responsibility is to protect the interests of creditors and in doing that he has to maximize any value he can get," said Richard Powers, a professor of business at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto.

"Look at the difference in price."

Under Reinsdorf's offer, it would have been up to the city of Glendale — which has 26 years remaining on a lease with the Coyotes — to provide $15 million in subsidies or other financing with the team.

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Halladay leads Jays over Yankees

BASEBALL

Blue Jays 5, Yankees 1

Right-hander Roy Halladay gave up just five hits and pitched a complete game to record his major league leading seventh win of the season and guide the Toronto Blue Jays to a 5-1 victory over the New York Yankees last night.

The 31-year-old issued a first-inning single to Johnny Damon and did not allow another baserunner until Damon's double in the seventh as he improved to 7-1 for Toronto (23-12).

A two-run double by Scott Rolen off former Blue Jay pitcher A.J. Burnett, who walked two batters to load the bases, launched a three-run burst for Toronto in the fourth and gave Halladay all the support he required.

An eighth-inning home run by second baseman Aaron Hill, followed by an RBI-single by Rolen provided the rest of the Blue Jays attack. REUTERS

Running on chocolate
Designers at England's Warwick University have come up with a racing car that is powered by chocolate oils, BBC News reports. They said the body work was made from potatoes, the steering wheel from carrot fibres and the seat from soybean foam. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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MINI's 50th

Last week, MINI marked the 50th anniversary of its first production car. Overall, more than six million classic and new MINIs have been sold since the model first went on sale in 1959.
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A Sebring for all seasons

LORNE DRURY
for Metro Canada

Only two hours by car from Los Angeles, Palm Springs has long been a favourite getaway destination for the stars.

Hollywood's finest have had off-season and weekend retreats in this desert playground since the 1920s, drawn by the beautiful weather, the mountain views and the small town atmosphere.

What makes Palm Springs so desirable is the sunshine — the valley community averages 350 days of sun a year.

Of course, with all that sunshine, a convertible is the car of choice among residents and visitors alike and our 2009 Chrysler Sebring Convertible test car fits right in with the crowd. Almost every other car you see on the streets is a convertible and the Sebring is at or near the top of the popularity scale along with older Mercedes models and Ford Mustangs.

For anyone contemplating a convertible, our test car was equipped with a retractable hardtop, which is offered as an option. A cloth, folding top is standard. If you want a car for all seasons, this is the way to go. It has the looks and feel of a coupe for the cold weather months and it transforms into a convertible in only a matter of seconds.

Volkswagen and Volvo also offer similar retractable hardtops in the Eos and C70 models, but at a higher price than the Sebring.

The Sebring Convertible is available in three trim levels with some great prices being offered these days — the LX starts at $20,495 with a 173 hp 2.4-litre I-4 engine, the Touring at $24,295 with a 189 hp 2.7-litre V6 and the Limited at $31,695 with a 235 hp 3.5-litre V6. The first two come with a four-speed automatic transmission, while the Limited's V6 comes with a six-speed automatic with Auto Stick.

During our trip we experienced both city and highway environments with the Sebring. With the larger of the two V6 engines under the hood, our tester had more than enough power for merging into traffic on high-speed freeways in and around Los Angeles. It would be nice to have a little more power than the 3.5-litre V6 offers, but it would come at the expense of fuel economy.

In the city, the car feels heavy and a bit awkward. Its high rear end makes backing into parking spots a bit of a chore.

Fuel ratings for the 3.5-litre V6 automatic are 12.9L/100 km and 7.4L/100 km highway.

The 2009 Chrysler Sebring Convertible is offered with soft or retractable hardtop.

2009 Chrysler Sebring Convertible

Type: Two-door convertible
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Highlights
- Attractive pricing
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AutoPilot

Mike Goetz

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Hyundai plugs into Blue-Will

FIRST LOOK Hyundai unveiled its first plug-in HEV concept car at the recent Seoul motor show. Named Blue-Will, the futuristic car promises an electric-only driving distance of up to 64 km on a single charge and a fuel economy of up to 2.2 litres/100 km. Blue-Will is a test bed of new ideas that range from the unique profile to drive-by-wire steering and touch screen controls.

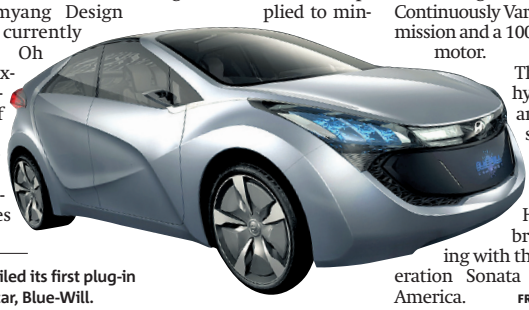
The car is the fourth in a series of innovative concept vehicles to come out of the Namyang Design Center currently headed by Oh Suk-Geun, executive vice-president of design.

"The innovative form language gives perfect expression to the advanced eco-friendly technologies found on Blue-Will," said Oh. "At a time of rising concern about the environment and our energy future, Blue Will demonstrates to eco-conscious car buyers everywhere that Hyundai has practical hybrid solutions that will appear on the next generation of vehicles," he added.

Blue-Will's sleek surface treatment extends to the underbody where a full-length cover has been applied to minimize aerodynamic drag whilst maximizing fuel economy. The LED panel on the front expresses a highly distinctive, futuristic image. The rear bike rack, integrated into the trunk, adds convenience. To minimize weight, carbon-fibre reinforced plastics and nano composites have been applied to the side sills, moldings and fenders.

The Blue-Will concept is powered by an all-aluminum 152 hp gasoline direct injected 1.6L engine, coupled to a Continuously Variable Transmission and a 100kw electric motor.

This parallel hybrid drive architecture serves as the foundation for future Hyundai hybrids, starting with the next-generation Sonata for North America. FROM CARGUIDE



Hyundai unveiled its first plug-in HEV concept car, Blue-Will.

Car Insurance Myth #2:
Higher Rates Mean More Coverage.

Truth:

By law, the basic terms and conditions for auto insurance policies in Alberta are identical, word for word. Drivers who pay more don't necessary receive more coverage, value or perks.

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Asten aspirations

The hotel section of Asten, see story below, would include a panoramic outer gallery with transparent walls, perfect for watching the Earth, moon and stars. The colony would orbit 36,000 kilometres above Earth. Special wide, flat space-planes would provide transportation to and from our planet. Moon visits would be made by rocket. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canadian wins NASA space race

A democratic colony far above Earth that looks like a giant cylinder, has no violence and whose residents eat meat grown in a lab. This is Asten, a utopia designed by Toronto student Eric Yam, and it has won a NASA grand prize.

Everybody at the orbiting space colony would speak fluent English, Hindi and Mandarin.

Education would include courses on good citizenship, settlers would be prescreened for a propensity for violence and everybody would have access to free, efficient health care.

"I designed it to be close to the Canadian society that I live in," says Eric Yam, a Grade 12 student at Northern Secondary School who won the grand prize in a NASA contest for conceiving a space city.

The annual contest, judged by engineers and scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, calls for students in Grades 6 to 12 to design a space colony that would orbit the Earth 50 years from now.

Yam beat out more than 300 entries from nearly 900 students around the world to become the first Canadian to win the contest in its 16 years. He tied with a team from Orissa, India.

He called his space station Asten, another name for the Egyptian god Thoth, master of divine and physical law.

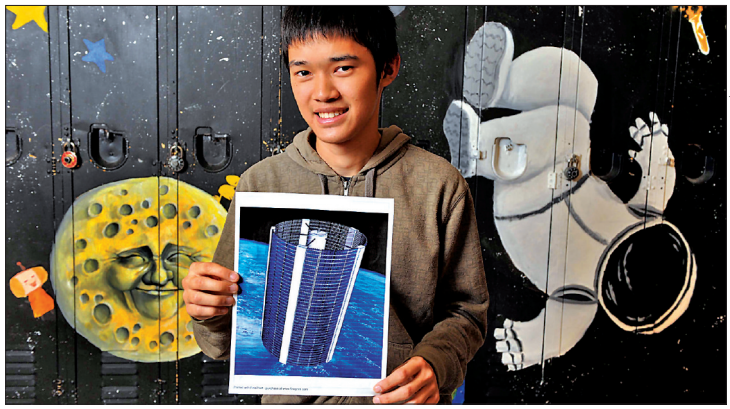
"He basically built a utopia from scratch," said math and physics teacher Gillian Evans, staff adviser on the project.

"He had to design something that would orbit the Earth successfully," she said in admiration of Yam, whom she described as a well-rounded student.

"He had to explain how to build it cheaply, finance it, keep it running, how to feed people, keep their air clean, how it would govern and police itself, and what's the social structure."

Designed as a self-sustaining colony for 10,000 residents, Asten would be open to as many as 300 visitors at a time, including revenue-producing tourists.

Four main characteristics of the Asten project perhaps caught the judges' eyes, the 17-year-old said.



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Eric Yam, at Northern Secondary School in Toronto, holds up a drawing of the space station he designed. The 17-year-old beat more than 300 entries from students around the world to win a NASA contest.

Modularity: Yam designed modular components, such as apartment units and distinct common corridors, that could be updated or replaced by other types of units altogether.

Mass production: "If you can mass-produce certain sections, you can save money, time and you can cut down on errors," he said.

Use of existing technology: "He didn't go too far in making up stuff," Evans said. "He didn't say, 'Maybe this will be feasible in 50 years so we'll pretend it will be."

Social systems: After designing the technology, Yam proceeded to lay out a social structure that calls for a democratically elected president and a council of 20 experts in five fields, including environmental sustainability.

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Honesty key in dismissal cases

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In the often twisted world of Canadian workplace law, both employers and employees tend to exaggerate facts in an effort to improve their own cases. Whether it's a deliberate strategy or a simple white lie, our courts are increasingly signalling their disdain when stories without the conviction of truth find their way to trial. A recent decision from British Columbia reminds us all that honesty remains the best policy.

About halfway through his apprenticeship as a repairman at Dams Ford Lincoln Sales Ltd. in Surrey, B. C., Tyler Marchen was given an envelope with two weeks' pay and his record of employment stating that he had been dismissed, and told to leave. When he asked why he was being fired, he was told that it was not up for discussion and that he was no longer welcome on the property.

After Marchen's dismissal, Dams made several comments suggesting that he was fired due to a police matter. Although Marchen was viewed as a good employee, his brother (who was also an employee at Dams) had been implicated in some thefts from the dealership.

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When a government employee requested the reasons for Marchen's dismissal to qualify him for employment insurance, she was told it was due to a police issue and they couldn't risk keeping him on.

As Marchen and Dams had a fixed-term agreement for the duration of his apprenticeship, Marchen promptly sued Dams, claiming that he was entitled to the value of the remaining term of the contract.

As soon as Marchen started his legal action, Dams changed its story. It called the employment insurance office and told it that, despite an investigation into Marchen's brother, it had actually fired Marchen because it had downsized its body shop.

At trial, Dams' witnesses denied that Marchen was fired because of his brother's potential theft but maintained its story that there had simply been a lack of work. Judge Richard Goepel wasn't convinced.

He found that Marchen was dismissed because of Dams' unfounded suspicion that he was involved in his brother's potential theft and that it had deliberately attempted to mislead the court as to its true motives.

Dams' decision to mislead the court turned a seemingly routine case for wrongful dismissal into a legal nightmare. Marchen was awarded over $18,000 in lost wages, another $25,000 for loss of training and status, $100,000 in punitive damages and most of his legal fees, usually awarded only in extraordinary circumstances.

The decision serves as a disincentive for companies to twist the facts of an employee's dismissal — and in doing so demonstrates the mounting arsenal of damages a court can award where it considers an employee to have been treated unfairly.

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Travel

Month of roses

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The world's most wonderful film set

Angels & Demons joins the many films that use Rome as a backdrop

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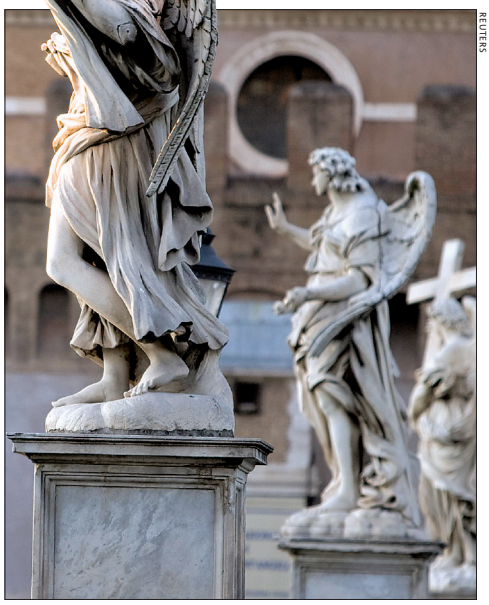

REUTERS

Left, a view of Rome featuring St. Peter's Basilica. Right, Bernini's angels line the Ponte Sant Angelo.

From Anita Ekberg and Marcello Mastroianni splashing around in the waters of the Trevi Fountain in La Dolce Vita to Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck's romantic street tour in Roman Holiday, the Eternal City has provided some of the cinema's most unforgettable images.

According to Italian director Federico Fellini, "Rome is the most wonderful movie set in the world." Now with the release of Angels & Demons, shot on location in Rome, a new industry has emerged from the ancient city — movie tourism.

Patrizia Prestipino, head of Rome's provincial department of tourism told the New York Times that "a film like this could relaunch American tourism. For us it's like free advertising." And it's marketing that seems to be working. Tour groups like the Angels & Demons Path of Illumination Tour, angelsandemons.it, Sienna Reid's Angels and Demons Tour, italyhotline.com, and the Rome Angels and Demons Half-Day Tour, viatour.com, have been enjoying brisk business with packages that range from $75 per person to $550 for a personal excursion.

If you're not a tour group kind of person you can arrange your own expedition of Rome's Angels and Demons locations and other cinematic sites with a good map from your hotel's concierge.

(Take note that several of the places mentioned in the book are not geographically accurate. It's best to do some Internet research before hitting the streets.)

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A (brief) Roman holiday

REUTERS

Ron Howard, director of Angels & Demons, in Rome's Piazza del Popolo.

ITINERARY Got 48 hours to follow in the footsteps of professor Robert Langdon and discover some of Rome's most beautiful sites featured in the blockbuster movie Angels & Demons?

Reuters correspondents with local knowledge help visitors track Illuminati clues across the eternal city whilst enjoying its renowned history, culture and cuisine.

A close-up view of Rome's Fontana di Trevi.

Friday

8 p.m. Having checked into your hotel, head for great food and a real Italian vibe at the Antica Enoteca on Via della Croce between Via del Corso and Piazza di Spagna. A lively wine bar/restaurant with freshly prepared appetizers at the bar, great pizza and a terrific tiramisu.

Saturday

10 a.m. After kicking off the day with some of Rome's finest and most famous coffee at Bar Sant'Eustachio (Piazza Sant'Eustachio 82) head up to the northernmost end of Via del Corso to Piazza del Popolo.

In the far right corner of the square stands the church of Santa Maria del Popolo where Langdon locates the body of the first missing Cardinal. Buried up to his waist at the bottom of a demon's hole beneath the church floor, he is first in a series of associations with the Illuminati's four primordial elements: Earth, Air, Fire and Water.

As well as celebrating Langdon's first step in the Vatican mystery, take a moment to admire two Caravaggio masterpieces to the left of the main altar, The Crucifixion of St. Peter and The Conversion of St. Paul.

The view from the Pincio gardens up to the right of the Piazza has a lovely view across the Roman rooftops all the way to the Vatican and the very heart of the Angels & Demons intrigue.

12 p.m. Heading south from Piazza del Popolo, check out Tad Café at 155A Via del Babuino, a 'concept store' where you can shop for clothes, household goods, flowers and perfumes, get your hair cut and eat tasty Thai-Italian fusion cuisine all in one super slick and trendy location.

3 p.m. Heading back down the Corso to Piazza Venezia, take Bus 62 from Via del Plebiscito over the river to Via della Conciliazione. Walk along this broad avenue to appreciate the full splendour of Basilica San Pietro.

In the centre of its grand Piazza, designed by Bernini and built between 1656-1667, stands a giant Egyptian obelisk, under which Langdon finds another of the missing Cardinals. Representing Air, the

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Here are some good starting points:

Castel Sant'Angelo

Built between 135 and 139 by the Roman Emperor Hadrian, Castel Sant' Angelo not only figures in the climax of Angels & Demons, but also has a spectacular panoramic view of Rome. The castle can also be seen in Roman Holiday's barge scene.

Santa Maria della Vittoria

Santa Maria Della Vittoria is the setting for Angels & Demons' most gruesome and exciting scene — the "fire" killing — but in reality is the home to the beautiful Bernini sculpture of the ecstasy of St. Theresa.

Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi

Located at the centre of Piazza Navona, the ornate Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi ("Fountain of the Four Rivers") is one of Bernini's most famous works and the backdrop for the film's "water" assassination.

Other Rome movie must-sees include:

Mouth of Truth

The Mouth of Truth located in the portico of the church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin. The carved, grinning stone face which purportedly bites off the hands of liars most famously appeared in Roman Holiday but can also be seen in Only You starring Robert Downey Jr.

Trevi Fountain

At almost 26 metres high the Trevi Fountain is the largest Baroque fountain in Rome and the inspiration for the 1954 hit song and movie Three Coins in the Fountain. Every day tourists throw almost 3,300 euros into the fountain — legend says that visitors who toss a coin into the fountain are guaranteed a return to Rome — money that is donated to charity.

Movie lovers will find much to see in Rome and many memories to take home. As Audrey Hepburn said in Roman Holiday, "I will cherish my visit here in memory for as long as I live."

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Left, the interior of Santa Maria della Vittoria. Right, a view of the Castel Sant'Angelo.

A weekend's worth of the Eternal City

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unfortunate Cardinal is found with holes punctured through his chest and lungs.

For breathtaking views, take the lift or brave the long and narrow spiral stairways to the dome and roof of the Basilica.

Appreciate the scale and splendour of the church interior from the dizzy heights of its dome and then head out onto the sunny roof for an unusual, but pleasingly simple "caffé" experience courtesy of Il Ristoro.

Sip a soft drink or coffee beneath giant marble saints and look out to the East for Castel Sant'Angelo, the final stop on Langdon's Illuminati trail.

A giant fortified structure, Castel Sant'Angelo was first begun by Emperor Hadrian in AD 135 as his mausoleum and has been used subsequently as an armoured stronghold, a prison and a papal residence, with a private walled passageway all the way to the Vatican.

6 p.m. For a sample of quaint and cobbled Rome, away from grandiose spaces and Papal splendours, take a walk along down the river to Trastevere.

Enjoy getting lost in its maze of narrow streets en route to a pre-dinner drink in Piazza di Santa Maria in Trastevere where the beautiful setting merits the somewhat elevated prosecco prices.

Sunday

10 a.m. Take a pricey but scenic breakfast in Piazza Navona, arguably Rome's most spectacular square. In the centre stands Bernini's Four Rivers Fountain, finished in 1651 and very recently restored. Here Langdon discovers the body of the fourth and most elevated of the missing Cardinals, drowned to death in the fountain.

12 p.m. Taking in the must-see Pantheon and the very pretty Piazza Sant'Ignazio, head east to the impressive Piazza di Pietra for a restorative lunch at Neopolitan restaurant La Caffettiera.

3 p.m. Heading east from the Corso and Piazza Barberini, make your way down Via XX Settembre to the Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria (open 3:30 to 6 p.m. Sunday).

In the presence of Bernini's Ecstasy of St. Teresa, a spectacular — if controversial — piece of dramatic Baroque sculpture, Langdon here finds an Illuminati abductor in the act of setting the third missing cardinal on fire.

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A Bath with a view

Two hours from London, historic Bath feels like a step back in time

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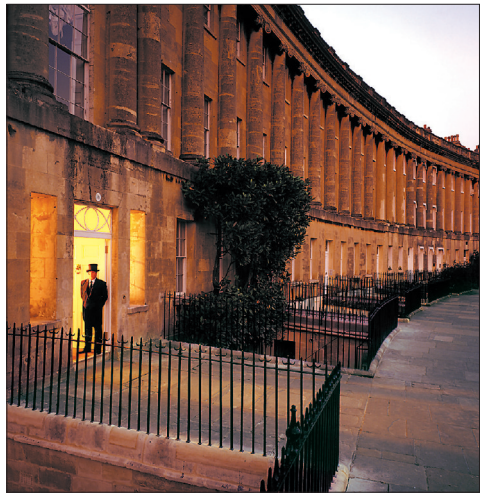

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Above, Bath's famous Royal Crescent.

Right, taking the waters at Thermae Bath Spa. Right, the historic Roman baths are a popular destination in the city.

It might be just two hours outside London, but you'll be transported back to the 18th century in the immaculately-preserved spa town of Bath.

This UNESCO World Heritage Site looks just like the set of a period movie — which is probably why it has served as the backdrop for several major films including The Other Boleyn Girl and The Duchess.

You won't see fluorescent shop signs here because there are strict regulations on how the town's splendid historical buildings should look.

Likewise, you won't find an industrial park on the edge of town — Bath is surrounded by a bowl of protected woodland and parkland.

Instead you'll discover an elegant but laid-back town full of stunning neoclassical architecture, interesting museums, unique boutiques and pretty tea rooms.

Bath was founded by the Romans as a thermal spa, and it was in the 18th century, under King George III, that the stunning Palladian buildings blossomed around the centre.

The Roman spa is still at the heart of the town, and while you can take a tour of the site, you can't actually bathe in it (romanbaths.co.uk).

However, you can benefit from the spa's mix of 43 minerals since you can drink the therapeutic water at the Pump Rooms next door.

It's a genteel tea room complete with live cello, violin and piano music from the Pump Room Trio, the house band.

Enjoy the atmosphere with a restorative cup of Earl Grey, and make your way up the cake stand, where you will find finger sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream, and a selection of homemade cakes.

If you're looking for a more rustic snack, visit Sally Lunn's, a cramped tea room in the oldest house in town where giant Bath buns are served (sallylunns.co.uk).

Bath's healing waters have now been channelled into a state of the art four-storey spa, complete with whirlpools, steam rooms, treatment rooms and even a heated open air rooftop pool where you can soak up the minerals while looking over the steeple of the city's famous Abbey (bathabbey.org).

There's even a separate thermal bathhouse, The Cross Bath — fed by its own natural hot spring — that can be hired for exclusive use (thermaebathspa.com).

For more culture, you can learn about the city's most famous author, Jane Austen, at a museum dedicated to her, or attend the annual Jane Austen week festival.

Alternatively, catch a show at the stunning Georgian Theatre Royal, one of the city's most romantic venues, opulent decorated with ornate plasterwork, red velvet, gilt furnishings and chandeliers (theatreroyal.org.uk).

The architectural pièce de résistance, however, is the Royal Crescent — a unique semi circle of elegant Georgian townhouses overlooking a garden. Stay at the luxurious hotel located at No. 16, or take a look at 18th century life at house No. 1, where the interiors are laid out as they would have been more than 200 years ago.

If you're on a romantic getaway, take a breath of fresh air in the Royal Victoria Park, a large landscaped park opened in 1830. There you can stroll down the promenades and visit the botanical gardens with its collection of exotic plants.

It is also the route to the most romantic hotel in town, The Bath Priory. This country house hotel offers luxurious rooms and cosy drawing rooms for you to languish in.

This should be your final destination after spending the day looking at the sights of this aesthetically-pleasing city.

You can reward yourself with an aperitif on the terrace overlooking the hotel's award-winning landscaped gardens, and follow it with a meal at the only Michelin-starred restaurant in the county (the bathpriory.co.uk).

You can't ask for more romantic than that.

Getting there

- Fly to Bristol airport, then take the train or bus. Bath is two hours by train from Londons Paddington station, or three hours and 20 minutes by National Express coach from London Victoria.
- visitbath.co.uk

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Lewis back for Sex sequel

Jason Lewis is to appear in the Sex and the City: The Movie sequel. The 37-year-old actor — whose character Smith Jerrod dated Samantha Jones — has revealed it is likely he will reprise his role as the hunky model. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Entertainment

Expecting

Maya Rudolph is pregnant. The Saturday Night Live star, 36, is expecting her second child with her partner, director Paul Thomas Anderson.

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From Star Trek to Terminator

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Movie **profile**

Anton Yelchin stars as navigator Pavel Chekov in the blockbuster hit Star Trek and Kyle Reese in the upcoming film Terminator Salvation.

This month is a big one for Anton Yelchin — maybe the biggest in his life. With roles in a pair of high-profile summer releases — Star Trek and Terminator Salvation — Yelchin's life has lately become a blur of flashy premieres around the world and press junkets at five-star hotels.

But he's trying to keep his wits about him. "These are all kind of the superficial elements of these kinds of features," he says, shrugging at the plush Beverly Hills hotel suite he's camped out in. "It's beyond the reason I do what I do."

Yelchin is already enjoying the top spot at the box office with Star Trek, in which he takes over the role of Russian navigator Pavel Chekov — not much of a stretch for the Leningrad-born Russian-American, who came to the U.S. as a toddler with his figure-skating parents after the fall of the Soviet Union.

For Yelchin, who is mostly known for smaller films like Charlie Bartlett and the TV series Huff, working on summer blockbusters is less a job than a chance to fulfill some childhood fantasies. "Suddenly felt like I was five again," he says. "I used to be on this set in my mind in my backyard. It was a weird kind of nostalgia."

But unlike the franchise reboot of Star Trek, his next big summer film has the daunting task of picking up where a less-than-stellar previous installment left off. "I went into this thinking this isn't going to be T3" he says, referring to Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines. "We're going to try and take this more seriously," Yelchin says.

And part of taking it more seriously meant the cast being more involved with the screenplay (by the same writers as T3). "I came to Albuquerque with a set of guidelines and a breakdown of (my character) Kyle Reese, and I wasn't going to change those guidelines to change the script," Yelchin explains. "Every scene needed to be adjusted."

It's no coincidence that Yelchin, just two months past his 20th birthday, has aspirations beyond acting. "I love filmmaking. I really am a movie geek. I'm obsessed with them," he says. He's even working on a screenplay — "a movie about teenagers, but kind of a self-conscious look at teenagers."

And he shouldn't have much trouble moving behind the camera, since he practically grew up in film school. "It's the best free education you could get, just to work on a movie set and work with guys that know so much about what you're doing. You don't need to go to film school when you've had the opportunities that I have."

But with box office returns like he's been seeing, it might be a while before Yelchin gets a spare moment to get behind the camera.

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Facebook, Warner Home Video team up for Watchmen promo

Warner Bros. has some new friends at Facebook.

In an industry first, the studio's Warner Home Video unit is set to announce this week a plan to sync up "friend" networks on Facebook with the interactive community-screening features of Warners' Blu-ray Disc releases, starting with the release of Watchmen Director's Cut.

The studio partnership with the social network website will use the BD-Live interactive feature on high-def discs, allowing Watchmen purchasers to view the film simultaneously and share comments with their Facebook friends.

BD-Live has always allowed such "community screenings" via its "buddy list" function. But those lists now can be synched with Facebook's friend networks for immediate access to a broad network of acquaintances.

Another new Blu-ray feature — dubbed Warner Bros. Maximum Movie Mode — will allow split-screen viewing of Watchmen to focus on elements in director Zack Snyder's on-camera commentary.

Watchmen will be released on DVD and Blu-ray in late July.

The partnership is strategic only, with no money changing hands between the parties.

"We want to do this partnership with Facebook because research has shown that consumers want to have social networking capabilities with BD-Live," said Kris Brown, v.p. worldwide high definition at Warner Home Video. "Previously, those possibilities have been limited to your friends within BD-Live and the general BD-Live community."

The Facebook arrangement will require users to buy and play Blu-ray disc copies of the film. But it will pack a big promo wallop for Warner and should also help spread the Blu-ray gospel, when those watching Watchmen and the studio's other movies offer live commentary to their Facebook friends.

Facebook users regularly inform their friends of all entertainment activities via what's known as "status updates."

Watchmen will be released in DVD and Blu-ray simultaneously in late July on DVD and Blu-ray, with the theatrical version going out on standard disc. The standard DVD will sell for $28.98 and the Blu-ray director's cut for $35.99.

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Common set for A-Team
Common is set to play B. A. Barracus in The A-Team remake. The rapper-and-actor is now the hot favourite to take on Mr. T's iconic role and reunite with Smokin' Aces director Joe Carnahan. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Islam, former Cat Stevens, plays 2nd show in 33 years

MUSIC With a wry nod to his problems with American immigration authorities, British folk singer Yusuf Islam performed his second U.S. concert in 33 years on Monday, treating 400 fans to classics from his youthful days when he was known as Cat Stevens.

The 60-year-old musician treated the invitation-only crowd to an hour-long set that included such hits as Peace Train, Wild World and Where Do the Children Play? as well as a selection of tunes from his new album, Roadsinger.

Looking professorial with his full gray beard, checkered shirt and sleeveless jacket, the bespectacled singer sprinkled his performance with lighthearted banter.

"I bet you thought we'd never make it," he said at the outset, later explaining that he was referring to his 2004 deportation from the United States after his name appeared on a "no-fly" watch list designed to weed out suspected terrorists.

Islam, who became a Muslim in 1977 and abandoned his pop star life, ran afoul of authorities who alleged he supports charities that ultimately funnel money to terrorist groups.

Singer Yusuf Islam, formerly known as Cat Stevens.

Islam denied the allegations and has frequently spoken out against terrorism. He has since returned to the United States on several occasions.

But he encountered bureaucratic difficulties on his current visit. An unspecified work-visa issue forced him to cancel a planned May 3 show in New York, where he played a similar promotional show in 2006. This left Los Angeles as his sole American date.

He has said he plans to perform a handful of shows around the world to promote Roadsinger, only his second mainstream pop release in three decades. But no dates have been announced beyond the American pair. REUTERS

The best/worst of Cannes

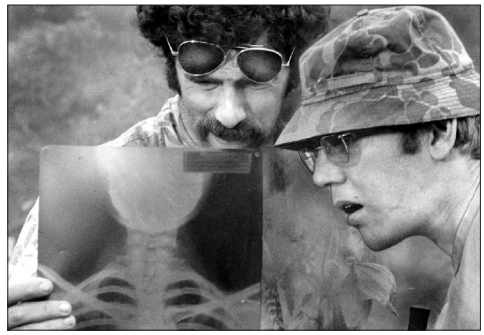
PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

As May chugs along to the mid-way point, the eyes of movie-lovers across the globe must cast their gaze towards some sunny beaches in France.

Though some people might think the Cannes Film Festival exists only to give Hollywood's finest a chance to show off their most expensive clothing on the red carpet, that's actually not the case. Every year the finest (and less-than-finest) filmmakers throughout the world submit their movies to Cannes, vying for a shot at international cinematic glory.

The festival has been a launching ground for new talent for decades, and perhaps the next great filmmaker is waiting to be discovered during the festival's two weeks of screenings. Or, maybe this year will be dominated by gigantic failures that will irritate the rabid critics.

Lord knows the festival has been filled with both winners and stinkers over the years, which is why we thought we'd take this opportunity to look at some of the sweetest discoveries and biggest disappoints of the Cannes Film Festival's 63 year reign.


A scene from MASH, with Elliott Gould and Donald Sutherland.

THE WINNERS

Roberto Rossellini's Rome, Open City kicked off the Italian neo-realism movement and won the first Palm d'Or at Cannes in 1946. The win immediately associated the festival with the budding art film community and throughout the '50s and '60s, virtually all of the important international films premiered there.

Ingmar Bergman, Federico Fellini, Michelangelo Antonioni, Francois Truffaut, Satyajit Ray and others launched their careers on the sunny beaches of Cannes during this period.

In 1970, Robert Altman transformed himself from a weathered TV director into one of the great American filmmakers when MASH screened, announcing a new wave of American cinema that cleaned up at the festival for the next decade.

Even Quentin Tarantino's transition from chatterbox video clerk to movie icon tied into Cannes when Pulp Fiction took the Palm d'Or in 1994.

THE STINKERS

Of course, it hasn't all been roses at Cannes. Most of the historic Cannes disasters have thankfully been long forgotten. So let's focus on a few rough patches from recent years — like the instantly forgotten Americanization of Godzilla that closed the film festival in 1998 to half empty theaters and a chorus of boos.

Donnie Darko director Richard Kelly saw his career screech to a sudden halt after his sophomore effort, Southland Tales, was slaughtered by critics in 2006.

In recent years, many forgettable Hollywood films like Shrek 2 and X-Men 3 have premiered at Cannes hoping to benefit from the publicity, only to see the festival merely be the first round of a critical mauling.

opening day

- The Cannes Film Festival opens today and runs through May 24.

In brief

TV SERIES British singer Joss Stone has signed to return to Showtime's drama The Tudors for its fourth and final season. She will reprise her role from the current third season, playing Anne of Cleves, the fourth wife of Henry VIII (Jonathan Rhys Meyers).

MOVIE Kevin Costner is returning to the Western genre with a new miniseries project at A&E. The Dances With Wolves actor-director is developing a four-hour movie for the cable network. Costner is partnering with producer Armyan Bernstein on the untitled project.

TELEVISION The verdict is in: David E. Kelley's legal drama Legally Mad is not going forward at NBC. After opting to keep the pilot in contention for midseason, the network has decided to pass on the drama. REUTERS

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critics' corner

Corner Gas
Face it; he's boring in any medium. Hank's (Fred Ewanuick) rambling on about nothing is driving Brent (Brent Butt) crazy, so he suggests Hank start a blog. But that doesn't help, as he still has to read the thing. Depressed over a friend's success, Lacey (Gabrielle Miller) tries to prove she's good for something by taking on Oscar (Eric Peterson) in a game of horseshoes. Janet Wright also stars in "Blog River." 12:30 PM on COM

Primeval
In the third-season premiere, an exhibition of ancient Egyptian relics comes to the British Museum, and an anomaly opens in a mysterious monument called the Sun Cage. A creature emerges from it, a kind of monstrous crocodile that can run on two legs. It wreaks havoc in the museum before escaping into the city. Cutter, Abby and Connor (Douglas Henshall, Hannah Spearritt, Andrew-Lee Potts) must track it down before it claims any more victims. 7 PM on SPACE

Rodman's irresponsible behaviour

Although expected to be a rehab outpatient by now, Dennis Rodman's erratic behaviour continues. For the second time in a week, Rodman and his entourage tried to walk out on a restaurant bill topping $1,000, according to Page Six. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Oprah praises private jets, big homes to grads

PRACTICAL ADVICE Oprah Winfrey stopped by Duke University to give a commencement speech.

To inspire the new college graduates, the talk-show queen extolled the joys of wealth, according to Gawker. "It's great to have a nice home. It's great to have nice homes! It's great to have a nice home that just escaped the fire in Santa Barbara," she told the students.

"It's great to have a private jet. Anyone that tells you that having your own private jet isn't great is lying to you."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jennifer's lessons from past loves

THE REALIST Jennifer Aniston is learning some lessons from her very public past love life.

In the new issue of Cosmopolitan U.K., the actress opens up about what she's taken away from her experiences.

"I don't think a perfect relationship exists," she says. "But I do think that many of us think it does and we're just fooling ourselves.

"Whoever said that everything has to be forever? That's unrealistic or hoping for too much. I don't think it's worth all that pressure."

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Kate lashes out at gossipers

DAMAGE CONTROL Kate Gosselin, mother of eight and star of the hit reality show Jon & Kate Plus 8, is fighting back at reports that she has been having a more-than-platonic relationship with Steve Neild, a bodyguard who frequently travels with her and her family, people.com reports.

Two weeks after stories linked her husband, Jon Gosselin, with a 23-year-old schoolteacher, Gosselin says she is now the target of tabloid lies.

"The next story coming out from the animals that stalk us is about our security person and his family," Kate tells People. "Already the allegations they're making about me are disgusting, unthinkable, unfathomable, and I am horrified.

"These are people who absolutely love us and want to see us through to the end," Gosselin says of Neild and his family.

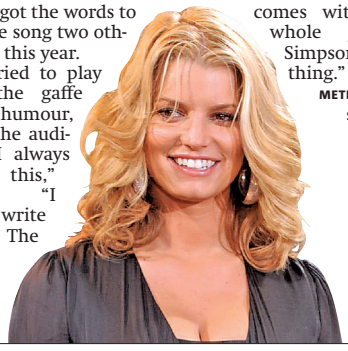
"Of course, both of them travel with us at times, and we've spent holidays together, because, in this situation, your circle grows smaller and smaller, and it's very natural to become friends with your manager, your publicist, your security team … they're the only people you have left. And now they're coming under fire." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jessica can't Remember That

OOPS Jessica Simpson had another déjà vu moment, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The website says the singer was left lost for words again onstage in California on Friday night when she forgot the lyrics to her song Remember That.

The pop star famously flubbed her Dolly Parton tribute song during a 2006 performance at the Kennedy Center Honours in Washington, D.C. — and then forgot the words to the same song two other times this year.



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She tried to play down the gaffe with humour, telling the audience, "I always forget this," adding "I didn't write it." The singer then joked, "It just comes with the whole Jessica Simpson thing." METRO NEWS SERVICES

MJ sued for breaking contract?

DOUBLE TIMING Concert promoters are battling to block Michael Jackson's series of live concerts in London this summer — accusing the star of breaking an earlier agreement to make his comeback with them — femalefirst.co.uk is alleging.

The pop superstar is currently preparing to take to the stage in London for his first gigs since 2001 — a run of 50 dates at the city's O2 Arena, starting in July — but bosses at AllGood Entertainment are seeking to block the shows, saying they entered an agreement with Jackson's manager, Frank Dileo, in 2008, promising the star would appear with his sister Janet Jackson and their brothers on tour.

Jackson was allegedly prohibited from making another concert deal for 18 months as part of the contract, but he violated the blackout clause when he signed up for the London concert series.

The website alleges the promoters have sent a cease and desist letter to the Jackson's London concert organizers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sam to pay up for Britney's legal costs?

SALT IN WOUNDS Sam Lutfi faced off against singer Britney Spears' legal team and lost, slapped with a three-year restraining order last month — and his wallet may be taking a hit next, people.com reports.

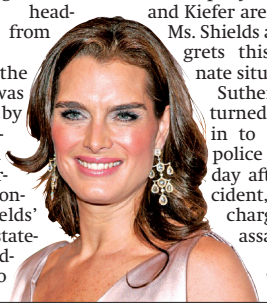
Spears' lawyers asked a Los Angeles court last Friday to order Lutfi, who once was her manager, to pay $123,142 US to cover Spears' legal fees for the courtroom battle over the restraining order.

In addition, her lawyers are seeking $129,922 from Jon Eardley, an attorney who has challenged Jamie Spears' control over his daughter, and $72,292 from her ex-boyfriend Adnan Ghalib. Both Eardley and Ghalib were also ordered to stay away from the pop star.

A judge has yet to sign off on the request, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Brooke speaks out

HER SIDE Brooke Shields is finally getting out her side of the alleged Kiefer Sutherland head-butting story from last week.



"While at the party, she was bumped into by Jack McCollough and Kiefer Sutherland became concerned," Shields' rep said in a statement, according to Hollyscoop. "Kiefer has always been a gentleman in her company. Both Jack and Kiefer are friends of Ms. Shields and she regrets this unfortunate situation."

Sutherland turned himself in to New York police last Thursday after the incident, and was charged with assault. METRO WORLD NEWS

Biel and the Mother Lovers

SUPPORTIVE GIRLFRIEND Jessica Biel says she was as shocked as everyone else to see her boyfriend Justin Timberlake's raunchy new video Mother Lover with Andy Samberg on Saturday Night Live this past weekend, usmagazine.com reports.

The video showed the two leaving prison. They realize they've forgotten Mother's Day, but no worries — they have a plan. "I'm a mother lover, you're a mother lover," they rap, suggesting they sleep with each other's mothers.

"I thought it was amazing," Biel told MTV News. "I mean, it was so wrong, it's right. Just so wrong, it had to be right." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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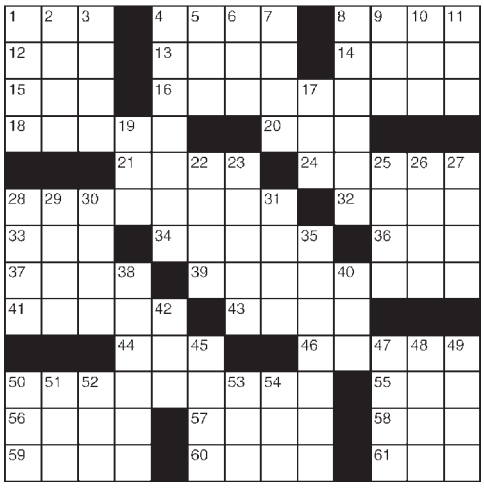

Crossword across

1 Bill
4 Garden intruder
8 Cougar
12 Exist
13 Bullets and such
14 Unyielding
15 Meadow
16 Country quaintness
18 Yuletide rendition
20 A billion years
21 Conks on the noggin
24 Halos
28 Poison level
32 Witty one
33 Mess up
34 Gold measure
36 Cowboy's sweetie
37 Bound
39 Keri Russell series
41 Trustworthy
43 Shed tears
44 Shelter
46 In a stunned state
50 Means of betrayal
55 "— Got a Secret"
56 Needle case
57 Sharpen
58 Fresh
59 Flex
60 On the — (unfriend-ly)
61 See 43-Across

Crossword down

1 Body powder
2 Vicinity
3 Tolerate
4 Spelling whiz?
5 Ostrich's kin
6 Ambulance abbr.
7 Love not wisely but too well
8 Park outing
9 Spoon-bender Geller
10 Witticism
11 Whatever amount
17 Charged bit
19 Kimono closer
22 Chanteuse Edith
23 Scatter about
25 Creche trio
26 Unruly kid
27 Without doing anything
28 Reveal
29 Sandwich treat
30 Picture of health?
31 Eli's campus
35 1960s T-shirt patterns
38 Wan
40 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
42 Mainlander's memento
45 Vocal comeback
47 Galvanizing matter
48 Eternally
49 Moist, in the morning
50 Society newbie
51 Multipurpose truck
52 Bit of wordplay
53 Debtor's letters
54 Stick with a kick

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Italian Spirals with Burst Tomatoes

INGREDIENTS:
1 lb (450 g) thin Italian sausage (salsiccia)
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
2 cloves garlic
1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried chili flakes
1 1/2 lb (680 g) cherry tomatoes
Salt and black pepper

GARNISH:
Fresh basil leaves

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler to high. Cut sausage into quarters and wind lengths into coils. Pass thin metal skewer horizontally through each coil, then arrange all four on rack of grill pan.
2. Heat oil in large frying pan. Peel garlic and crush into oil. Then add oregano and chili flakes and fry gently 30 seconds, without allowing crushed garlic to change colour.
3. Spread tomatoes on top of garlic and chili, cover and cook over low heat 10–12 minutes, or until most tomatoes have burst and are half-submerged in juices.
4. Broil sausage coils 5–6 minutes per side, turning about to ensure even browning.
5. Uncover tomatoes, raise heat to moderate and cook 5 minutes, or until juices have thickened. Press lightly with back of spoon to ensure that all tomatoes have burst.
6. Season tomato sauce to taste with salt and pepper, then pour onto four warmed serving plates and put sausage coils in centres. Rinse and dry basil leaves, strip from stems, and scatter over top.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A mistake you made earlier in the year will return to embarrass you today but it's really no big deal so don't get worked up about it.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Try not to get so caught up in your own problems today that you miss the chance to help a friend or family member sort out their own little difficulty.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If your work load is getting too much for you, and if friends and colleagues keep piling more tasks on you, then it's about time you called a halt.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You may be ultra enthusiastic about a new plan or project but you need to be realistic about how it is going to cut into your time — and what it could cost.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You sometimes make a tempting target for those who enjoy dragging larger-than-life types down to their level. Don't make it easy for them.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you let slip any kind of personal information today you will regret it tomorrow and maybe even a long time into the future.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The more others try to tell you that you should change your ways the more certain you can be that you are doing exactly the right thing. They envy you.

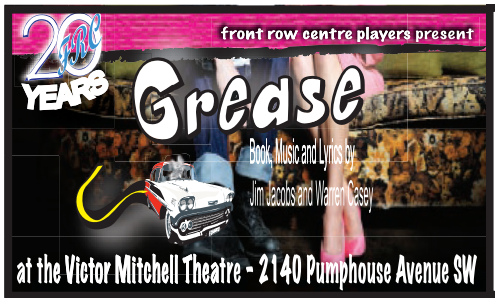
SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
As mind planet Mercury moves back into your opposite sign, you must avoid sloppy thinking at all costs.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may be of the opinion that if you turn your back someone will stick a knife in it, but have you any genuine reason to be so suspicious?

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will be asked to take part in an activity that will take up a considerable amount of your time and energy, but do you have it to spare? Think hard.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may be inclined to do something drastic but what you do in haste will most likely be repented at your leisure, so think before you act.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If you don't know all the facts about a particular situation you are strongly advised not to draw any conclusions, especially about other's motives.



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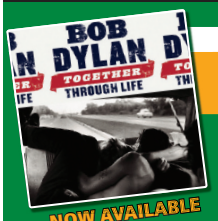

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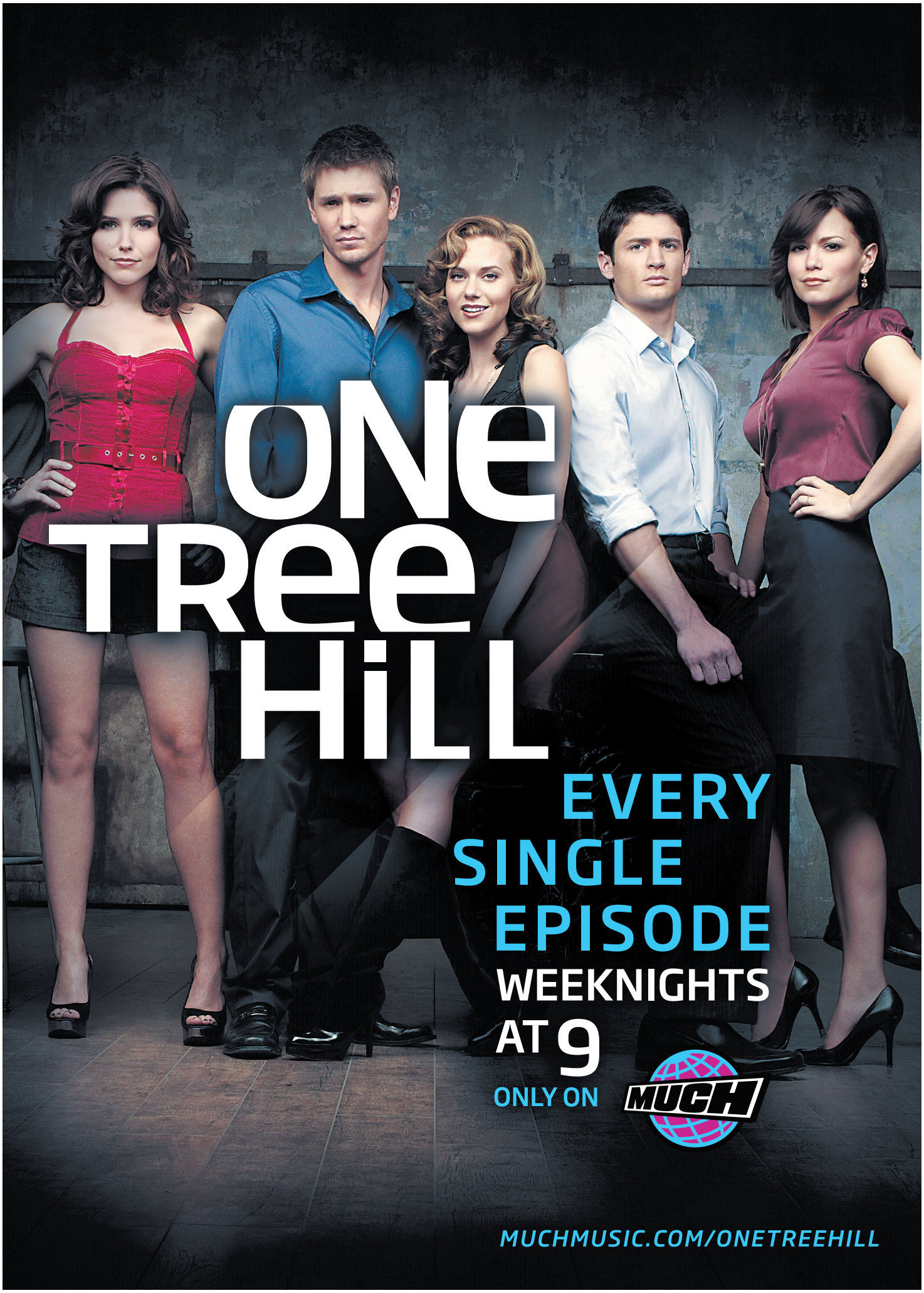
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